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Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

5. A gaming system according to claim 3 wherein the telecommunications link is one of an ISDN link, an ASDL link and an IP link.

Please amend claim 7 as follows:

7. A gaming system according to claim 4 wherein:
said croupier station incorporates a croupier card reader/recorder interface,
participation in a game by the croupier is conditional upon the croupier employing
an electronic croupier purse incorporated within a croupier chip-card,
said croupier chip-card also incorporates pre-recorded biometric data
characteristic of the croupier as an individual human,
participation in the game by the croupier is further conditional upon computer-
mediated matching of biometric data derived from the croupier with said pre-recorded biometric
data, when the croupier employs said croupier chip-card to access the game, and